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EMINENT WASHINGTON HISTORIAN TO SPEAK AT CANDLELIGHT DINNER MEETING, FEB. 24th

The first meeting of the New Year is always an outstanding event on the Historical Society calendar. This year is no exception.

Apropos of Washington's birthday, Dr. George P. Schmidt, head of the history department at Douglass College, Rutgers University, will present us with "Another Look at Washington." This is not just another dissertation on the well known facts of our first President's life. Dr. Schmidt has a notable reputation for making Washington come to life as the great man he was, without repeating stale and hackneyed facts and language.

Dr. Schmidt's special subject at Rutgers is "American Cultural History." Author of several books, he has just published one on "Liberal Arts Colleges: Chapter in American Cultural History."

He is also the author of many historical and educational articles as well as a much-in-demand lecturer. Last year his thirteen television lectures on various aspects of American history were rated "tops" by his large and enthusiastic audience.

Bill Sherman, our newly appointed program chairman, knows Dr. Schmidt personally and reports that he is a great favorite on the Rutgers campus for the

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the mailing of this Bulletin giving complete details of the February meeting, the Society is eliminating the needless expense of mailing announcement postcards as has been previously done. Therefore please check your calendar now so that you won't miss the delightful evening in store for you. There will be no reminder this time!

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 1959

Time: Dinner, 6:30 P. M.

Place: Lake Street Friends' Meeting House.

colorful and original way in which he presents American cultural history.

DINNER AT 6:30 P. M.

Last year the Society's Candlelight Dinner was a sellout with many turned away who requested tickets. The meeting house can only accommodate 130 guests and our chairman of the women's committee in charge of the dinner, Mrs. James Baxter, urgently requests that you send in your request early as tickets will be assigned on a first come, first served, basis.

Tickets are \$1.50 per person and you may pay for them as you arrive. How-

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MEMBERS' SUGGESTIONS SOUGHT FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Looking forward to the new larger facilities provided at Greenfield Hall for expanded Historical Society activities, the newly appointed educational committee of the Society, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arleigh Hess, Jr., is already at work formulating programs for every age group.

Mrs. Hess reports that the committee would welcome ideas and suggestions for such programs from members and this review of what has already been proposed and discussed at committee meetings may beget other good ideas.

Proposed has been a program of local historical interest for Haddonfield schools from grade school through high school. Suggestions for various ways this program may be made interesting and instructive are particularly needed.

The establishment of an Elizabeth Haddon Day on her birthday with appropriate celebration sponsored by the Society has been favored.

A visiting lecture series with outstanding speakers on New Jersey history held at Society headquarters has received strong support; also loan exhibits from the state historical society at Newark.

It was felt by committee members that historical subjects would have greatest appeal to school children in the form of story hours for grade school groups, dramatic skits for junior high

school groups and essay contests for high school students.

Serving on the committee are Mrs. Ruth Evans, Mrs. Marty Sherman, Mrs. Beatrice Moran and Mrs. Jessie Willis.

Suggestions may be sent to Mrs. Arleigh Hess, Jr., 243 Mountwell Ave., Haddonfield.

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ever, be sure you fill out the enclosed request and mail immediately so that your tickets may be reserved. Or you may make your reservation by telephoning Mrs. Warren Place, our corresponding secretary, at HA 9-6449.

Mrs. Baxter and her committee have worked out an ingenious dinner plan that eliminates self-service and waiting. A delicious menu as well as a brilliant speaker await members and guests at the February meeting.

All thanks for the painstaking preparations for this dinner and the Society's many successful social events in the past go to Mrs. Baxter's hard-working committee which includes Mrs. Jesse Haydock, Mrs. Wilder Marsh, Miss Mary Cain, Mrs. Walter Long, Mrs. Charles Richardson, Mrs. Jessie Willis, Mrs. Floyd Crispin, Mrs. Karl Robinson, Mrs. Ava Tomlinson, Mrs. Warren Place, Mrs. John K. Finley, Mrs. Ellery Taylor, Mrs. William Sherman, Mrs. Joseph Pennypacker and Mrs. Ruth Evans, and others

PLEASE FILL IN, CUT OFF AND MAIL

Mrs. Warren Place
44 Walnut Street
Haddonfield, N. J.

Please reserve tickets for the Candlelight Dinner of the Historical Society
on Tuesday, February 24.

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SOCIETY SIGNS SALE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE GREENFIELD HALL; FALL OCCUPANCY PLANNED

A truly great event in the history of the Haddonfield Historical Society is expected to take place this September or October. With the signing of the agreement of sale last month to purchase Greenfield Hall for the new Society headquarters, plans are forging ahead for an early Fall opening date that will mark an important cultural milestone for historic Haddonfield.

Those who attended the last meeting of the Society in November heard the talk given by Mr. Joseph Tatem reporting the result of the membership pledge drive and the generous efforts of members and non-members which made this dream of new, larger headquarters for the Society come true.

Mr. Tatem spoke for the entire So-

ciety in voicing its appreciation to all who responded with three-year membership pledges which will insure maintenance of Greenfield Hall. Because of these pledges the Society was able to go ahead with its negotiations for purchase of the property.

Membership dues for 1959 redeeming these pledges are now due. They are much needed to prepare the budget for the first year of maintenance beginning with possession of the property in the very near future, and preparation for occupancy this Fall. Your promptness in mailing your dues to treasurer Charles Mulloy, Jr. will be of greatest assistance to the Society in planning ahead to realize the earliest possible opening.

SOCIETY HELPS PLAN PROGRAM ON "LORE OF SOUTH JERSEY"

The Haddonfield Historical Society will take an active part in the community courses of the Haddonfield Adult School and will sponsor a full scale course for the Fall, 1959 term.

The current course for the winter-spring term on "The Lore of South Jersey" also had the able assistance of Mrs. Louis H. Goettelmann, who was appointed chairman of the adult education committee for the Society. Mrs. Goettelmann helped procure several speakers in the series of lectures on South Jersey glass and porcelain art, his-

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NEWS AND NOTES

International Interest in the Haddonfield Historical Society was shown during 1958. Among the visitors to Society headquarters were those from Canada, London, Peru, South America. Ten states in the nation were also represented.

New Jersey Antiques will be well represented at the New York Antique Show, March 7-15, to be held at the New York Coliseum. This is one of the great antique shows of the year and many Society members are planning to go in groups.

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tory, Indians, forgotten towns and historical houses, legendary trees and rivers, native plants, wildlife sanctuaries, the famed Wharton Tract and the history of Haddonfield. This latter lecture will be presented on April 13 by Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock, illustrated by slides and commentary by Mr. Louis Goettelmann.

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Haddonfield Scores at Williamsburg

At the annual January Antiques Forum held at Williamsburg, Va., this year, Haddonfield had the largest representation. Ten Haddonfield residents journeyed to the Forum, came back with glowing accounts of speakers, displays of antiques, and ideas for future programs for our own Society.

The Historical Society of Haddonfield

The purpose of the Society is to encourage historical study and research, to perpetuate the historical heritage of Haddonfield and to acquire and preserve articles of historical and antiquarian interest.

Annual Membership Dues: \$5.00

Open Tuesday through Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. James C. Aiken, Editor
Historical Society Bulletin

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 1958-59

At the annual business meeting last November, the following officers were elected. The new by-laws were also voted upon and adopted. At the first Council meeting of the new officers held last December, the following committee chairmen were appointed:

Program: William E. Sherman

Membership: Mrs. Edwin Pearson

House: Mrs. R. J. Dalton

Women's: Mrs. James Baxter

Property: Mr. Edwin Pearson

Acquisitions: Mrs. Frances Carey

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President—Mr. Herbert R. Leicht

1st Vice President—Mr. Edwin J. Pearson

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Mr. William Sherman

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Mrs. Warren W. Place

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Mrs. Joseph Pennypacker

Mr. William B. Tomlinson

Mrs. Rembert Edsall

Miss Patricia Ulizio

Mr. Jesse G. Haydock